

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday September 15th 2002

Newsflash - Regulation Changes

With the bringing into force of the new Radio Experimenter Regulations, two elements will have an immediate impact on the hobby in EI.

1. The Morse test has been reduced from 12 words per minute to 5 words per minute, and 2. The "Probationary" period required of Class A Licencees before they are entitled to use all modes and full legal power has been abolished.

To facilitate Class B licencees and others who may wish to take the test at the reduced speed, arrangements are being made to have a testing session at the Cork Rally on Sunday, September 29th between 12 noon and 2.30 p.m.

It is anticipated that tests will be conducted in Dublin during the month of October at a date and venue to be announced later.

The members of the Committee are studying the full implications of the new Regulations and will be considering these at the next Committee meeting. At this early stage it is not possible to state with any certainty if there are any negative implications arising from the Regulations for the hobby in EI. It is however satisfying to note that some of the representations made by the IRTS have been taken on board by the ODTR.

Fingal Radio Club

Fingal Radio Club trip to Llandudno Rally on the 2nd of November 2002 will commence on the Saturday morning of the 2nd of November, leaving Dublin Port at 06:15 hrs and returning the same evening from Holyhead at 20:45 hrs, arriving back in Dublin Port at approximately 22:20 hrs. There will be no overnight stay. The cost inclusive of all transfers will be €90 (Euro). Please phone Liam EI3HK at 01-8316266 or 087-2521542 for further information.

Cork Radio Club

The Cork Radio Club Rally will take place on the 29th of September 2002 in the

Blarney Park Hotel. For information, contact Con EI7DJB or Dick at 021-4545154.

Information on Cork Radio Club's Rallies (past, present, and future) may be obtained at the new Blarney Rally website details of which can be found on the news page of the IRTS website.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

General Meetings of the club will resume on Wednesday the 25th of September at 8.00 p.m. in the usual venue of Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

If anyone is interested in doing night classes leading up to the class B license, please contact Mark on 087-6302026 or e-mail the club at searg@angelfire.com. If there is enough interest from west Waterford, there is a possibility that the classes this year will be run in Dungarvan. For information check out the clubs website, URL is available on the news page of the IRTS site.

DX News

ZL5C at Scott Base on Ross Island near Antarctica will be operated by Christopher N3SIG until the 31st of December. This counts as AN-011 for IOTA.

Special event station DT14AG is active from South Korea until the 23rd of October celebrating the 14th Asian Games in Busan, Korea.

Scandinavian HamVention

Scandinavian HamVention (SHV) is a large Hamfest where both Scandinavian and other European Radio Amateurs come together. There will be a big exhibition with ham dealers from all over Europe and the aim of the organisers is to arrange Scandinavia's biggest ever flea market. Here people may trade, buy and sell everything related to amateur radio. A traditional Dinner will be held and there will also be a ladies program for YL/XYL's.

The Swedish Radio Association (SSA) will hold their annual meeting at the same time. The URL to the official SHV page is available on the news page of the IRTS website.

Space News

A paper entitled "2001: an Amateur Radio Space Odyssey on the International Space Station," which documents the development of Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) and discusses the new ARISS antennas, is available via the ARISS Web site.

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